

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GUAM AND SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MARIANAS, SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS FOUNDER REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, this citation is presented to Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist International of the Marianas on the occasion of the Soroptimist International of the Americas Founder Region Annual Conference from April 30 through May 2, 2004 on Guam.

Soroptimist International is the world's largest classified volunteer service organization for women in business, management, and professions with over 3,000 clubs having approximately 100,000 members in 127 countries. Its "Founder Region", composed of national clubs hailing from the entire Pacific Rim, is so called because the first Soroptimist club was founded in Oakland, California in 1921. Its counterparts on Guam and the Marianas were founded in 1978 and 1986, respectively.

The Soroptimist of the Founder Region has undertaken important steps to assist women in their professional careers and personal lives. Thus, the Founder Region Fellowship offers fellowships and grants to women enrolled in graduate schools within the bounds of Founder Region who are in the last year of their doctoral studies. Furthermore, Soroptimist International of the Marianas and Soroptimist International of Guam in 1997 adopted its long term identifying project "Erica's House—A Family Visitation Center", designed to be a support service for parents and children in need of visitation and exchange services.

For the first time since 1975, when the annual meeting of the Founder Region was initiated, the conference is being hosted by Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist International of the Marianas. The conference will hold the region's annual board, fellowship and business meetings, elect a new board and present the Fellowship, Women's Opportunity and Violet Richardson awards. Apart from having the privilege of welcoming the member clubs of the Founder Region, the conference is also important to Guam because one of the six women vying for a top three slot in the Women's Opportunity Awards, Tricia Alconaba, is a native and resident of Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I want to congratulate the Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist International of the Marianas for the important work they have achieved since their establishment, and extend our gratitude for their dedicated service to our island and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on March 10, 2004, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in my congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcalls 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47.

TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF
JEFF L. TAYLOR

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the efforts of Jeff L. Taylor, former General Manager/Chief Engineer/Secretary of the Kings River Conservation District in California's San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Taylor passed away at his home in Fresno, CA on January 2, 2003, leaving behind a legacy of exemplary leadership in the construction of public works.

After graduating from San Jose State College in 1957. Mr. Taylor began his engineering career with the Kern County Land Company and the Fresno Irrigation District before establishing his own engineering firm in Fresno. Following three years of engineering work in what was then East Pakistan, Mr. Taylor commenced a distinguished thirty-year career as General Manager-Chief Engineer for the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) in 1972.

While Mr. Taylor was responsible for establishing the KRCD as one of the San Joaquin Valley's leading water resource agencies, he will forever be remembered for his tireless dedication to the successful construction of the Pine Flat Power Plant, completed in 1984. The power plant, situated at the base of the Pine Flat Dam, was the crowning achievement in Mr. Taylor's visionary plan to best utilize the resources of the Kings River area through water supply and hydroelectric projects. The power plant possesses the capability to provide enough energy to supply a metropolitan area the size of Fresno.

Mr. Taylor's peers credited his efforts in obtaining the original FERC license to construct the power plant and lauded him for his leadership over its successful construction and operation. During Mr. Taylor's tenure as General Manager, the KRCD also worked to protect Kings River environmental resources, promoted better on-farm water management, and confronted the area's groundwater overdraft problems.

April 2004 marks the 20th anniversary of the power plant's original dedication, and the KRCD has voted to re-name the Pine Flat Power Plant the Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Power

Plant. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the distinguished efforts of Jeff L. Taylor and his record of service to his community on this special occasion.

HONORING THE LATE SGT. YIHJYH
"EDDIE" L. CHEN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

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Monday, April 26, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late Sgt. Yihjyh "Eddie" L. Chen who was killed on April 4 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Baghdad, Iraq.

Sgt. Chen was born in Taiwan on July 7, 1972 to Chen-Pin Chen and Yu-Meei Chen. His parents immigrated to Saipan and later to Guam where Sgt. Chen was planning to return. He has three brothers, Chi-Chong Wang, Chi-Hong Wang, and Sgt. I-Chia "Virgil" Chen, and a sister, Mei-Chuang Wang.

Sgt. Chen graduated from Marianas High School in 1990 and went on to serve as a police officer in the Northern Marianas Department of Public Safety until he joined the Army in January 2000.

Sgt. Chen will be remembered by those close to him as a bright, hard-working friend who was always ready to offer his assistance to those in need. America will remember him for his courage and commitment to our country. He has made the ultimate sacrifice. He is our hero.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I want to extend our deepest condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Chen and their family on the loss of their beloved son, brother, uncle, friend.

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OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in my congressional district attending the funeral of one of my constituents, a soldier killed in Iraq. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 130. I would have voted "no" on rollcalls 126, 127, 128, and 129.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in remembrance of the Armenian Genocide.

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